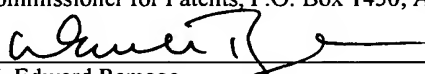


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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, and in response to the Official Action dated July 20, 2005, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.